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**MINUTES OF THE ROCKVILLE  
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MEETING NO. 8-2017  
Thursday, September 28, 2017**

The City of Rockville Historic District Commission convened  
in the Blue Crab Conference Room on  
September 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Rob Achtmeyer, Chair  
Emily Correll  
Matthew Goguen  
Anita Neal Powell

**Present:** Sheila Bashiri, Preservation Planner  
Jim Wasilak, Chief of Zoning  
Cindy Walters, Assistant City Attorney

**I. AGENDA REVIEW WORKSESSION (Blue Crab Conference Room)**

Chair Achtmeyer noted that the agenda review worksession occurred and that no decisions were made, and also introduced staff members present.

**II. COMMITTEE / ORGANIZATION REPORTS (Mayor and Council Chamber)**

- A. Peerless Rockville – Nancy Pickard, Executive Director reported on recent and upcoming activities of Peerless Rockville.
- B. Lincoln Park Historical Foundation – Commissioner Neal Powell reported on an upcoming event on October 14 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church.
- C. Public Comments/Open Forum – No members of the public spoke.
- D. HDC and Staff Comments – John Becker, Rutie Eckdish and Susan Azrin, unit owners at the Americana Centre Condominium, expressed support for HDC review of a Site Plan application that is adjacent to the complex, which is in the Historic District. Nancy Pickard expressed concern about outbuildings at 908 Grandin Avenue, an otherwise undeveloped property recently approved for subdivision that would result in demolition of the outbuildings.

**III. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** July 18, 2017

*Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to approve the consent agenda, with the draft minutes, revised to add the words “attended the” after the word “people” in the first sentence. The motion passed 2-0, with Commissioners Correll and Goguen abstaining.*

#### IV. CERTIFICATES OF APPROVAL

- A. Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00864, Lewis Parker** – to construct an addition to the rear of 409 West Montgomery Avenue.

Ms. Bashiri, presented the staff report and recommendation, which was for approval.

Lewis Parker, property owner and applicant, explained the project and answered questions from Commissioners. Craig Moloney, architect for the applicant, also answered questions. Nancy Pickard of Peerless Rockville also addressed the Commission.

*Commissioner Correll moved, seconded by Commissioner Neal Powell, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00864 as presented in the staff report having been found to meet the Secretary of the Interior's Standard No. 9. The motion passed 4-0.*

- B. Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00867, Paige Janzen for Mayor and Council of Rockville** – for construction of an ADA parking lot and adapted pedestrian and vehicular access for Glenview Mansion at 603 Edmonston Drive.

Ms. Bashiri presented the staff report and recommendation, which was for approval.

Seth Darlington of Wallace Montgomery, civil engineer for the project, explained the project and answered questions from the commission. Nancy Pickard of Peerless Rockville asked whether the stone retaining walls were original. Ms. Bashiri responded that she thought that they were not. Ms. Pickard also asked if the stone could be reused on the new retaining walls, and the response was that there was not enough to cover the new walls.

*Commissioner Neal Powell moved, seconded by Commissioner Correll, to approve Certificate of Approval HDC2017-00867, based on the finding of compliance with Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation #1, 2 and 9. The motion passed 4-0.*

#### V. DISCUSSION

**A. Old Business**

- a. Update of Draft Historic Preservation Text Amendment** – Jim Wasilak noted that, due to the Mayor and Council's meeting schedule and full agendas, the text amendment is on hold but he expects that it will be on the agenda beginning in January. Staff is taking the opportunity to further review the draft.
- b. Historic Resources Management Plan** – Ms. Bashiri reminded the Commission about the upcoming public meeting on October 3 at 7:00 p.m.

#### VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission, Chair Achtmeyer adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.